

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD PLANNING BOARD MEETING

May 6, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Hounsfield Planning Board was called to order by Chairperson Yvonne Podvin at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Co. Rt. 66. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll call was given and Yvonne Podvin, Kelly Harrienger, Mel Washburn and Paul Locy were present.

Maryann Oliver was absent.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved with Mel Washburn making the motion and Paul Locy seconding. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#2014-01: Steven Gully Tax Map #81.17-1-40-2

Chairperson Podvin reported to the Board that she still has not heard from Mr. Gully or Mr. Steven Hall. There is no new news on the sale of the property.

Chairperson Podvin gave an update on Mr. Maxon's plans to make a Bed and Breakfast and guest cottages. He is planning on tearing down the farmhouse that is currently on the land. He has met with DEC and they have put the stakes in the ground for him. Mr. Maxon seems to be on the right track with all of the people on board. He is working on getting his contractors. He is moving slowly and making sure he is doing everything correctly. He is planning to build a bed and breakfast and building five guest houses to begin with and another five later. There was also discussion about the driveways on the property and the possibility of improving them for proper width, so that emergency vehicles could have access. It was also brought up for the Board to consider that there will need to be a parking lot on the property. Chairperson Podvin also encouraged the Board members to review the specs for approvals for upcoming questions on this project.

The Board suggested having a workshop to understand the Town standards for driveways and roadways. Chairperson Yvonne Podvin said that she would look into possible dates and try and arrange for that to happen.

Chairperson Podvin then passed out drawings of a restaurant. The owner would like to move the building from Cape Vincent to a lot on 12F if she purchases the lot. She would also like to start up a farmer's market on the same land. The Board discussed the feasibility of doing this and will be looking into regulations. The owner has not officially contacted the Board yet.

There were also a couple of other calls for possible upcoming Board decisions. There was also an inquiry about a possible dog grooming business on Co. Rt. 62.

Zoning Officer Marlene Lennox presented a zoning report to the Board. Marlene also gave an update on the Arterial Corridor and stated that it is progressing and she hopes to have the Town Board look at it very soon.

New Business: The question was brought up about solicitors being allowed in the Town. So far there are no laws against them. This might be something in the future for consideration.

The question was brought up about water to the Maxon project. The Board was informed that Mr. Maxon has been working on this aspect.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 with Paul Locy making the motion to adjourn and Mel Washburn seconding. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Sheryl Crandall